

REMARKS

The application contains claims 2-20, 30-31, 34, 36-40, 42-52, 54-55, 66, 68-70, 75-78. Claims 21-29, 56-65, 71-74 and 79 were previously cancelled.

Claims 43-46 were allowed by the Examiner while claims 1-20, 30-36, 47-55, 66-70 and 75-78 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subramaniam (U.S. patent No. 5,859,972); Claims 37-40 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subramaniam in view of Inga as applied to Claim 36 and further in view of Ward (U.S. Patent No. 5, 793,735); Claims 41-42 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subramaniam in view of Inga as applied to Claim 36 and further in view of Hirabayashi (U.S. Patent No. 6,101,282); Claims 1-20 were further rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bitti ('A WWW-based distributed system for medical data analysis and 3D reconstruction', 1966) in view of Inga. (U.S. Patent No 6,272,190).

Claims 1, 32-33, 35, 41, 53 and 67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable as described above. These claims are cancelled herewith to further the application to allowance. However, Applicant respectfully elects to change the dependency, whether directly or indirectly, of dependent claims 2-20, 30-31, 34, 36-40, 42-52, 54-55, 66, 68-70 and 75-78 from the rejected claim 1 to the allowed independent claim 43 as they are consistent with, and add functionality to, the latter.

Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application at a later stage to further the prosecution of the deleted claims.

An allowance of the claims is respectfully awaited. In the event that the Examiner believes that there are problems which would make it impossible to issue an allowance for all the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at 1 (877) 428-5468, which is a US toll free number connected directly to our office in Israel (please note the 7 hour time difference and the official work week is from Sunday to Thursday).

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